

**CITY OF SAN JOSÉ
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

6:00 P.M., Monday, May 14, 2007
City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St, 8th Fl, Room T847
San José, CA 95113

MINUTES

1. **Call To Order/Roll Call** - Chair Payne called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Present

Charlie Payne
Eugene Cordero
Yolanda Reynolds
Steve Crosby (for Bob Halem)
Lawrence DeSantis
Lane Parker
Bart Thielges
Don Barnett (arrived at 6.20pm)

Absent

Corinne Winter
Luis Mendez

Guests

Councilmember Oliverio
Martin Delson

Staff

Manuel Pineda, DOT
John Brazil, DOT

2. **Approve Order of Business** – Approved.

3. **Oral Petitions** – None.

4. **Approve Minutes of April 9, 2007** – Chair Payne noted two typographical errors in item 6(f) of the agenda. Thielges moved approval, Reynolds seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

5. **Old Business**

a. North San José Deficiency Plan & Bike/Ped Master Plan (NSJBMP)– In response to committee member Thielges' request, staff provided an update on the North San Jose Deficiency Plan (NSJDP). Mr. Brazil introduced Manuel Pineda who presented an overview of the NSJDP. He described the City of San José's vision for development and transportation in North San Jose. Mr. Pineda described the development fees and other funding mechanisms that allow implementation of transportation improvements as development occurs. Mr. Pineda distributed a flyer summarizing these planned improvements. Over a thirty year period, \$570 million in public improvements are anticipated. This will include an estimated \$62.3 million in transit, pedestrian and bicycle improvements, approximately \$30.3 million of which will fund bicycle and pedestrian projects. Mr. Pineda also described the city's vision for a denser, more walkable, bikable, transit-oriented North San José. The ultimate build out will add as many as 83,000 jobs and 32,000 housing units. To implement the bike/ped element of this long-term vision in an orderly fashion, San José has

hired a consultant team to develop a North San Jose Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan. The consultant team will be providing this committee a status report in a few months.

In response to Chair Payne's question, Mr. Pineda stated the Coyote Valley Specific Plan and the North San Jose process are not directly related. However, Mr. Pineda said the City of San Jose considers all parts of the city when it conducts long-term planning. Councilmember Oliverio noted the North San Jose vision supports transit-oriented development and smart-growth. Responding to Chair Payne's question, Mr. Pineda said the NSJBMP is funded and scheduled to take one year. Mr. Cordero encouraged the city to develop a North San José that is more transit, bike, and pedestrian friendly, and to reduce the carbon footprint of the development. In response to Ms. Williams' question, Mr. Pineda noted that inflation was factored in to the financial estimates, and that the school districts are consulted regarding school capacity. Mr. Thielges asked why BPAC didn't receive a report on the North San José vision before the city council voted on it. Mr. Pineda apologized for the oversight, noting the staff had given more than a dozen public presentations and were not able to provide a presentation to all the 50-plus city boards, committees and commissions.

b. Bike to Work Day – Mr. Brazil reviewed planning and coordination for Bike to Work Day, May 14, 2007. For the City's Energizer Station outside the MLK Library, staff will provide tables, chairs, drinks, foot, helmets, and volunteers to fit helmets. Committee members Parker, Reynolds, and Cordero confirmed they are seeking donated items. Staff will also pick up and deliver additional supplies provided by the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, Valley Transportation Authority, and Metropolitan Transportation Commission. City staff will also be helping coordinate a VIP bike ride with the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC) and the Silicon Valley Leadership Group. Some San José councilmembers, members of the press, and corporate CEO's will participate. The ride will begin at 8am and go from San Jose Diridon Transit Center to San José City Hall. Finally, SVBC will be hosting a Bike Away from Work party from 5pm-8pm at the downtown San José Gordon Biersch. Valet Bike Parking will be provided.

c. Ped/ADA Sidewalk Plan Update – Mr. Brazil reported that, since the consultant team presented this committee with a project kick-off report in November, the team has made project on the first two project tasks: (1) documenting existing city standards, policies, practices and procedures; and (2) reporting on federal/state standards and documenting other city best practices. The second of three consultantreports to this committee will be provided this fall.

d. Crosstown, Signed, Numbered Bikeway Pilot Project: Update – Mr. Brazil reported that the status of this concept had not changed. Substantive work is not likely to start until FY07-08, which begins July 1, 2007.

e. Sharrows Pilot Project – Mr. Brazil reported that staff plans to install two Sharrows pilot projects later this summer. One will close the Bike Lane gap on San Fernando, between Hwy 87 and the Diridon Transit Center. The second will close part of the Park Avenue Bike Lane gap between Montgomery and Delmas. If these projects are deemed successful, the city will consider implementing Sharrows in additional locations.

f. Bicycle Friendly Signal Detection Pilot Project: Update - Mr. Brazil reported that the status of this concept had not changed. Substantive work is not likely to start until FY07-08, which begins July 1, 2007.

g. San José Airport – Mr. Brazil reported that the Mineta San José International Airport team working on the Roadway Master Plan will provide an updated report to this committee in the fall of 2007. That team last provided this committee a report in 2006.

h. Terms & Recruitment – Mr. Brazil reported that the committee bylaws limit members to serving three consecutive terms (and an unlimited number on non-consecutive terms. This means that Mr. Thielges is temporarily termed-out of his seat. He will be able to reapply for a seat at the spring 2008 call for applications. Mr. Brazil thanked Mr. Thielges for his years of service. Mr. Brazil also reported that San José will be releasing a call for applications to fill the existing three vacant seats. To be eligible to apply, applicants must live or work (or both) in San José. The Director of the Department of Transportation provides final approval for appointments.

i. Staffing – Mr. Brazil reported that the hoped-for additional position in the Bike/Ped Program was not approved for next fiscal year. However, approval was granted to hire a part-time student intern to conduct collision analysis and web page development. This position is expected to be filled this summer.

6. Staff Report – No additional information.

7. Committee Member Comments – Chair Payne distributed a handout on the Shared Space theory of traffic planning. Mr. DeSantis asked about the status of San José Trail development. Mr. Brazil said 40 miles of a planned 120 mile Trail Network is complete. The committee will receive a more detailed Trail Update Report later this year. Mr. Thielges provided a report on VTA BPAC's activity. Mr. Cordero said he would be stepping down effective this meeting to spend a year sabbatical conducting professional research in other countries. He thanked the members for working together.

8. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Next Meeting: To be determined.

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